

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER

01- R-0447

A RESOLUTION TO SHOW SUPPORT BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA OF THE "WATER INFRA-STRUCTURE NOW" (WIN), A MAJOR INITIATIVE SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES THAT RECOMMENDS A RENEWED FEDERAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO HELP COMMUNITIES ADDRESS THEIR AGING AND DETERIORATING WATER INFRA-STRUCTURE; AND TO URGE CONGRESS AND THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE FORWARD IN ADDRESSING THIS CRITICAL NEED.

WHEREAS, in April 200, the "Water Infrastructure NOW" (WIN) released its first report which documented significant improvements in water quality, but it also documented an unprecedented financial problem; and

WHEREAS, in this first report, WIN documented that over the next 20 years, America's water and wastewater systems will have to invest \$23 billion a year more than current investments to meet the national environmental and public health priorities in the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act and to replace aging and failing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the EPA's own data and analyses corroborated the WIN figures; and

WHEREAS, WIN's recently released second report outlines the parameters of a potential federal response to the \$1 trillion gap between investments being made in our local infrastructure and those needed to assure protection of public health, the environment, and our economy over the next generation; and

WHEREAS, this second WIN report recommends a series of public and private actions that will be needed to meet the challenges for funding water and wastewater infrastructure over the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, WIN recommends a five-year, \$57 billion authorization in fiscal 2003 for loans, grants, loan subsidies, and credit assistance to local systems for basic water infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, WIN proposes the creation of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Financing Authorities in each state to oversee the distribution of federal assistance to priority water and wastewater concerns; and

WHEREAS, WIN also proposes an additional \$4 billion in resources for state governments to help them meet their drinking water and wastewater responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, WIN additionally recommends funding for development of innovative technology and management techniques to assist local governments in providing clean and safe water more effectively and efficiently in the future; and

WHEREAS, as part of this fiscal partnership, WIN recommends increasing the federal role where needs are great, public health or the environment is at risk, or local resources are inadequate. This enhanced federal role should provide for distribution of funds in fiscally responsible and flexible ways, including grants, loans, loan subsidies, and credit assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That the City of Atlanta hereby supports the “Water Infrastructure NOW” (WIN) initiative that recommends a renewed federal financial commitment to help communities address their aging and deteriorating water.

SECTION 2: That the City of Atlanta hereby urges Congress and the Federal Administration to move forward in addressing this critical need.

SECTION 3: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 3/5/01

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ CRC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION